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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING - MADRID, SPAIN

REF: STATE 64477

1. (U) Embassy Madrid Emergency Action Committee (EAC) met on 25 March 2004 as per REFTEL. The EAC discussed the concerns and possible threat considerations as outlined. The RSO stated that a Verbal Note was prepared for the Spanish Police requesting an augmentation of both static and dynamic police presence for the Embassy in Madrid, the Consulate General in Barcelona, and the six Consular Agencies.

2. (SBU) Questions were addressed regarding the use of the surveillance detection elements, the special considerations of the Business International Center (BIC), and the general preparedness of all USG-Spain facilities. It was presented that a small varying of assets, controls, numbers of police and other elements, keeps the potential enemy off-balance and unable to make a coherent plan of operation. The RSO stated that this was exactly the course being followed but never allowing the security preparations to dip below a 100 percent level of coverage and control. Only varying the coverage by levels of increase and change. It was determined that the security measures in place meet all needs for the appropriate posture of strength.

3. (SBU) Currently, due to the recent acts of terrorism in Madrid, RSO has provided copies of suspicious surveillance detection incident photos to the investigating police who are searching for any photographic correlation with their "wanted" list. A "Duck and Cover" drill was conducted today and all security programs will continue to be monitored for maximum effectiveness.

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